

# Workbook



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# General Vector Spaces

## Vector Spaces

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### Questions

Check if  $W$  is a subspace of  $M_n[\mathbb{R}]$ , where:

- 1)  $W = \{A \mid A = A^T\}$ .
- 2)  $W$  is the set of matrices which *commute* with a given matrix  $B$ .  
That is,  $W = \{A \mid AB = BA\}$ .
- 3)  $W$  is the set of matrices whose determinant is 0. That is,  $W = \{A \mid \det A = 0\}$ .
- 4)  $W$  is the set of matrices which are equal to their own square.  
That is,  $W = \{A \mid A^2 = A\}$ .
- 5)  $W$  is the set of upper-triangular matrices.
- 6)  $W$  is the set of matrices whose product with a given matrix  $B$  is 0.  
That is,  $W = \{A \mid AB = \mathbf{0}\}$ .
- 7)  $W$  is the set of matrices whose trace is 0.  
That is,  $W = \{A \mid \text{tr}(A) = 0\}$ .
- 8)  $W$  is the set of matrices such that the sum of each row is 0.

Check if  $W$  is a subspace of  $P_n[\mathbb{R}]$ , where:

- 9)  $W$  consists of the polynomials having 4 as a root. I.e.,  $W = \{p(x) \mid p(4) = 0\}$ .
- 10)  $W$  consists of the polynomials with degree  $\leq 4$ . I.e.,  $W = \{p(x) \mid \deg(p) \leq 4\}$ .
- 11)  $W$  consists of the polynomials with integer coefficients.

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**12)**  $W$  consists of the polynomials with only even powers of  $x$  in its terms.

**13)**  $W$  consists of the polynomials having degree  $n$  where  $4 \leq n \leq 7$ .

**14)**  $W = \{p(x) \mid p(0) = 1\}$ .

Check if  $W$  is a subspace of  $F[\mathbb{R}]$ , where:

**15)**  $W$  consists of all even functions. I.e.,  $W = \{f(x) \mid f(x) = f(-x) \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .

**16)**  $W$  consists of all bounded functions. I.e.,

$$W = \{f(x) \mid |f(x)| \leq M \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ for some } M > 0\}.$$

**17)**  $W$  consists of all continuous functions.

**18)**  $W$  consists of all differentiable functions.

**19)**  $W$  consists of all constant functions.

**20)**  $W = \left\{ f(x) \mid \int_0^1 f(x) dx = 4 \text{ (assume } f \text{ is integrable)} \right\}$ .

**21)**  $W = \{f(x) \mid f'(x) = 0 \text{ (assume } f \text{ is differentiable)}\}$ .

**22)**  $W = \{f(x) \mid f'(x) = 1 \text{ (assume } f \text{ is differentiable)}\}$ .

**23)**  $W = \{f \mid f(x+1) = f(x) \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .

Check if  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{C}^3[\mathbb{R}]$ :

**24)** Check if  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{C}^3[\mathbb{R}]$ , where  $W = \{\langle z_1, z_2, z_3 \rangle \mid z_2 = \bar{z}_1, z_3 = z_1 + \bar{z}_1\}$ .

**25)** Check if  $W = \{\langle z_1, z_2, z_3 \rangle \mid z_2 = \bar{z}_1, z_3 = z_1 + \bar{z}_1\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{C}^3$  (over the complex field  $\mathbb{C}$ ).

### Answer Key

- 1) Is a subspace
- 2) Is a subspace
- 3) Not a subspace
- 4) Not a subspace
- 5) Not a subspace
- 6) Not a subspace
- 7) Not a subspace
- 8) Not a subspace
- 9) Not a subspace
- 10) Not a subspace
- 11) Not a subspace
- 12) Is a subspace
- 13) Not a subspace
- 14) Not a subspace
- 15) Is a subspace
- 16) Is a subspace
- 17) Is a subspace
- 18) Is a subspace
- 19) Is a subspace
- 20) Not a subspace
- 21) Is a subspace
- 22) Not a subspace
- 23) Is a subspace
- 24) Is a subspace
- 25) Not a subspace

### Linear Combination, Dependence and Span

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#### Questions

1) We are given the following matrices in  $M_2[\mathbb{R}]$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 11 \\ -5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Are these matrices linearly dependent?
- If so, try to write each of them as a linear combination of the rest.
- Does  $A$  belong to  $Sp\{B, C\}$ ?

2) We are given the following polynomials in  $P_3[\mathbb{R}]$ :

$$p_1(x) = 4 + x + x^2 + 5x^3, \quad p_2(x) = 11x - 5x^2 + 3x^3, \\ p_3(x) = 2 - 5x + 3x^2 + x^3, \quad p_4(x) = 1 + 3x - x^2 + 2x^3$$

- Are these polynomials linearly dependent?
- If so, try to write each of them as a linear combination of the rest.
- Does  $p_2$  belong to  $Sp\{p_1, p_3\}$ ?

3) We are given the following set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :  $S = \{\langle c, 2, 4 \rangle, \langle 2, 4, a, 2 \rangle, \langle c, b, 6 \rangle, \langle b, 2, a \rangle\}$   
For which values of  $a, b, c$  is  $S$  linearly dependent?

4) We are given that the set  $\{u, v, w\}$  of vectors is linearly independent in  $V[F]$ .

- Is the set  $\{u - v, u - w, u + v - 2w\}$  linearly dependent?
- If so, try to write each vector in the set as a linear combination of the others.

5) We are given that the set  $\{u, v, w\}$  of vectors is linearly independent in  $V[F]$ .

- Is the set  $\{u + v, v + w, w\}$  linearly dependent?
- If so, try to write vector in the set as a linear combination of the others.

6) We are given that the set  $\{u, v, w\}$  of vectors is linearly independent in  $V[F]$ .

- Is the set  $\{u + 2v + 3w, 4u + 5v + 6w, 7u + 8v + 9w\}$  linearly dependent?
- If so, try to write each vector in the set as a linear combination of the others.

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- 7) Is the set of vectors  $\{\langle 1, i, i-1 \rangle, \langle i+1, i-1, -2 \rangle\}$  linearly independent in  $\mathbb{C}^3[\mathbb{C}]$ ?
- 8) Is the set of vectors  $\{\langle 1, i, i-1 \rangle, \langle i+1, i-1, -2 \rangle\}$  linearly independent in  $\mathbb{C}^3[\mathbb{R}]$ ?

### Answer Key

1) a. Yes, they're linearly dependent.

b.  $A = B + 2C$  ,  $B = A - 2C$  ,  $C = \frac{1}{2}A - \frac{1}{2}B$  ,  $D = \frac{1}{4}A + \frac{1}{4}B$

c. Yes, follows from  $A = B + 2C$  .

2) a. Yes, they are linearly dependent.

b.  $p_1 = p_2 + 2p_3$  ,  $p_2 = p_1 - 2p_3$  ,  $p_3 = \frac{1}{2}p_1 - \frac{1}{2}p_2$  ,  $p_4 = \frac{1}{4}p_1 + \frac{1}{4}p_2$

c. Yes, follows from  $p_2 = p_1 - 2p_3$ .

3) For all values  $a, b, c$   $S$  linearly is dependent.

$$x = 2y - z$$

4) a. Yes, they are linearly dependent.

b.  $y = 0.5x + 0.5z$

$$z = 2y - x$$

5) a. No

b. N/A

$$x = 2y - z$$

6) a. Yes, they are linearly dependent.

b.  $y = 0.5x + 0.5z$

$$z = 2y - x$$

7) No, the vectors are linearly dependent.

8) The vectors are linearly independent.



### Vector Basis

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#### Questions

1) Check if each of the following sets is a basis of  $M_{2 \times 2}[\mathbb{R}]$  (A.K.A  $M_2[\mathbb{R}]$ ):

a.  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

b.  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 16 \\ 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

c.  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

2) Check if each of the following sets is a basis of  $P_2[\mathbb{R}]$  (deg  $\leq 2$  poly):

a.  $\{1+x, x^2+2x+3\}$

b.  $\{1+x, x^2+2x+3, 2x+4x^2, x-x^2\}$

c.  $\{1+2x+3x^2, 4+5x+6x^2, 7+8x+10x^2\}$

### Answer Key

- 1)
  - a. No, the three vectors can't form a basis.
  - b. No, the five vectors can't form a basis.
  - c. Yes, the four vectors do form a basis.
- 2)
  - a. No, the two vectors can't form a basis.
  - b. No, the four vectors can't form a basis.
  - c. Yes, the three vectors do form a basis.

### Solution Space of Homogenous SLE

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#### Questions

- 1) Let  $U = \{A \in M_2[\mathbb{R}] \mid A = A^T\}$ . Symmetric 2x2 matrices.

Find a basis and the dimension of  $U$ .

- 2) Let  $U = \left\{ A \in M_2[\mathbb{R}] \mid A \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .

Find a basis and the dimension of  $U$ .

- 3) Let  $U = \{p(x) \in P_3[\mathbb{R}] \mid p(1) = 0\}$

Find a basis and the dimension of  $U$ .

### Answer Key

$$1) B_U = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \dim U = 3.$$

$$2) U = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \dim U = 0, B_U = \emptyset \text{ [empty set]}.$$

$$3) B_U = \{ p_1(x) = -1 + x^3, p_2(x) = -1 + x^2, p_3(x) = -1 + x \}, \dim U = 3$$

### Subspaces

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#### Questions

- 1) Consider the subspace of  $M_2[\mathbb{R}]$  defined as follows:

$$U = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Find a basis and the dimension of  $U$ .

- 2) Consider the subspace of  $P_3[\mathbb{R}]$  defined as follows:

$$U = \text{span} \{ 1 + x - x^2 + 2x^3, 4 + x - x^2 + x^3, 2 - x + x^2 - 3x^3 \}$$

Find a basis and the dimension of  $U$ .

### Answer Key

$$1) B_U = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 \\ 3 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \dim U = 2$$

$$2) B_U = \{1 + x - x^2 + 2x^3, -3x + 3x^2 - 7x^3\}, \dim U = 2$$

### Coordinate Vectors and Change of Basis

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#### Questions

1) Given the following two bases of  $P_2[\mathbb{R}]$ :

$B_1 = \{1+x, x, x+x^2\}$ ; and  $B_2 = \{1+x^2, x+x^2, x^2\}$ , and let  $p(x) = a+bx+cx^2$ ,  
be a general polynomial in  $P_2[\mathbb{R}]$ .

Compute  $[p(x)]_{B_1}$ , the coordinate vector of  $p(x)$  relative to  $B_1$  and  $B_2$ .

Find the change-of-basis matrix from  $B_1$  to  $B_2$ .

2) Given the following two bases of  $M_2[\mathbb{R}]$ :

$$B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$E = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Compute the coordinate vector of  $X = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ z & t \end{bmatrix}$ , relative to  $B$  and  $E$ .

Find the change-of-basis matrix from  $B$  to  $E$ .

### Answer Key

$$1) [v]_{B_1} = \langle a, b-a-c, c \rangle; \quad [v]_{B_2} = \langle a, b, c-a-b \rangle, \quad [M]_{B_1}^{B_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2) [X]_B = \langle x, y-x, z-y+x, t-z+y-x \rangle$$

$E$  is the elementary or standard basis of  $M_2[\mathbb{R}]$ :  $[X]_E = \langle x, y, z, t \rangle$

The change-of-basis matrix from  $B$  to  $E$ :  $[M]_B^E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$